

**Mastercard Shareholder Meeting Question**  
**Horace Cooper, Project 21 Co-Chair and Senior Fellow**  
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After days of riots, looting, arson, attempted and actual assassination of safety officers, and the desecration of houses of worship, Mastercard decided to express support for “Black Lives Matter.”<sup>i</sup> All reasonable people condemn the killing of George Floyd and support black communities, but that’s not what the Black Lives Matter group stands for. According to the Capital Research Center, Black Lives Matter is the “latest and most dangerous face of a web of well-funded socialist/communist organizations that have been agitating against America for decades.”<sup>ii</sup> As further explained in *National Review*, it “harbors, shelters, and empowers true radicals, people who not only have no problem seeing our cities burn, they’re also fanning the flames.”<sup>iii</sup> It’s no coincidence that its actions often increase racial tensions and that Antifa anarchists are among the rioters marching alongside with Black Lives Matter as our cities burn.

In addition to chanting vulgarities towards the police such as “pigs in a blanket, fry ‘em like bacon,”<sup>iv</sup> Black Lives Matter is now calling for the nationwide defunding of police forces.<sup>v</sup> You need to separate the good work that Mastercard does from that of Black Lives Matter. Did anyone at Mastercard look into Black Lives Matter and its history prior to lending your support? And does Mastercard agree that police forces should be defunded?

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<sup>i</sup> <https://mastercardcontentexchange.com/newsroom/press-releases/2020/june/together-we-stand-against-racism-and-remain-committed-to-equal-opportunities-for-all/>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://capitalresearch.org/article/blm-roots/>

<sup>iii</sup> <https://www.nationalreview.com/2016/07/black-lives-matter-radical-divisive/>

<sup>iv</sup> <https://capitalresearch.org/article/blm-roots/>

<sup>v</sup> <https://www.forbes.com/sites/monicamelton/2020/06/08/why-the-aclu-black-lives-matter-and-others-want-to-defund-the-police-while-this-weapons-supplier-disagrees/#4ae0a16e2f92>